

20th April 2025

Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah (65.17-25)

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord – and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118. [1-2,] 14-24

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / good: his / mercy en/dures for / ever.
2 **Let Israel / now pro/claim: ‘His / mercy en/dures for / ever.’**
14 The Lord is my / strength and my / song: and he has be/come / my sal/vation.
15 **Joyful / shouts of sal/vation: sound / from the / tents of the / righteous:**
16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord / raises / up: the right hand of the / Lord does / mighty / deeds.
17 **I shall not / die, but / live: and de/clare the / works of the / Lord.**
18 The Lord has / punished me / sorely: but he has not / given me / over to / death.
19 **Open to me the / gates of / righteousness: that I may enter / and give / thanks to the / Lord.**
20 This is the / gate of the / Lord: the / righteous shall / enter / through it.
21 **I will give thanks to you, for / you have / answered me: and have be/come / my sal/vation.**
22 The stone which the / builders re/jected: has be/come the / chief / cornerstone.

23 This is the / Lord’s / doing: and it is / marvellous / in our / eyes.

24 This is the day that the / Lord has / made: we will re/joice / and be / glad in it.

A reading from Acts (10.34-43)

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

‘We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ‘He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 24.1-12

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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20th April 2025 - EASTER DAY
Jesus Christ is risen today ! Alleluia !

**Thank you for joining us for our Easter Services today.
 may we wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter**

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 267 , 324 , 204 , 336

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	4.00 pm	Easter Songs of Praise - do come along.
MONDAY		Bank Holiday
TUESDAY	10.30 am	Chat a Coffi - all welcome
	2.00 pm	Norton Craft Group - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist
		followed by refreshments
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
	7.00 pm	Adult choir practice - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.00 am	Holy Eucharist (Norton Church)
	10.30 am	Coffee & Catch up (Norton)
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome
NE XT SUNDAY		27th April - EASTER 2
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee

Weekly Bulletin : Do take this sheet home with you.
**Pastoral Visiting : please let me know of those
 in need of visiting at home or in hospital.**

Welcome : a warm welcome to all who are joining with us in worship today, especially to those who are visiting our community on holidays. We hope you enjoy sharing with us in worship and that you have a relaxing break visiting our community.

Thank you : to all who have joined us for our Lent and Holy week services. A big thank you to all who have prepared the church so beautifully for our services today. Thank you also to our wonderful organists and choir for leading our worship through Holy Week.

RIP : with sadness we learnt of the passing away of Beryl Richard so soon after the passing of her sister Liz. we hold all the family in our prayers at this time. *Precious in the sight of God is the death of one of his Saints.*

Funeral : of Liz Pass will take place in All Saints on Thursday 1st May at 10.30 a.m. in All Saints followed by committal at Swansea Crematorium at 12 midday.

VE Day 80th Anniversary : on Sunday 11th May at 4 p.m. we will be holding a service of choral evensong to mark this anniversary. All are very welcome.

Christian Aid Week 2025 : On Saturday 11th May from 9-11 a.m. in the Church Rooms and on Wednesday 14th May in All Saints from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. we will be holding "A Big Brekkie" to raise money for Christian Aid. Please speak to April Beynon for details and to let her know if you can come along.

Men's Society : due to the May Day bank holiday our next men's society meeting will be on Monday 12th May at 6.30 for 7 in the BCYC. All are very welcome. If you can make it please let Dorian know so he can arrange the food order.

Easter Sunday Prayer : Risen Lord, Today we rejoice in the victory of life over death, hope over despair, and love over fear. You have rolled away the stone, and with it, the weight of our burdens. Thank You for the cross, for the empty tomb, and for the promise that nothing is impossible with You. Let this day awaken new life in us— a deeper faith, a stronger love, and a renewed purpose. Help us to live as people of the resurrection— with joy in our hearts, kindness in our words, and courage in our actions. May Your light shine through us, reminding the world that You are alive, now and forever. Amen.